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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,))
V.) Case No. 2:25-cv-109-ABJ
BRETT M. LATTIN; POWDER HORN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; COLLECTION PROFESSIONALS, INC.; and SHERIDAN COUNTY, WYOMING,))))
Defendants.)

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT AGAINST BRETT M. LATTIN

To: Clerk of Court

Plaintiff United States of America, through the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Wyoming, by and through Assistant United States Attorney Jasmine M. Peters, requests the Clerk of Court to enter default against Brett M. Lattin pursuant to Rule 55(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. FED. R. CIV. P. 55(a).

Rule 55(a) states that "[w]hen a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party's default." *Id.* On May 1, 2025, Plaintiff filed a *Complaint to*

Foreclose Lien against Brett M. Lattin. (Doc. 1). On June 3, 2025, the United States filed a motion

to serve Brett M. Lattin by publication pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 4(e)(1) and WYO. R. CIV. P.

4(k)(1)(C). (Doc. 5). This Court granted the United States' motion on June 6, 2025, authorizing

service of Brett M. Lattin by publication. (Doc. 6). Service by publication was complete in Laramie

County, Wyoming on July 19, 2025, and Sheridan County, Wyoming on July 21, 2025. (See Docs.

14-15).

According to the notice of publication, Brett M. Lattin had thirty days from the date of the

last publication to file an Answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint. (See id.); see also FED.

R. CIV. P. 4(m). Thirty days from July 19, 2025 was August 18, 2025, and thirty days from July

21, 2025 was August 20, 2025. No answer has been filed which appears on the docket, nor has an

answer been received in the office of the undersigned counsel. See Ex. 1, Hudson Declaration.

Because Brett M. Lattin failed to file an Answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by August

20, 2025, the Clerk of Court should enter default against Brett M. Lattin pursuant to Rule 55(a) of

the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff meets the procedural requirements for obtaining an

entry of default from the Clerk of Court as demonstrated by the documents contained in the record.

For the reasons stated above, Plaintiff asks the Clerk of Court to enter default against Brett

M. Lattin for failing to file an *Answer* or otherwise respond to the *Complaint* and *Summons* by

August 20, 2025.

Dated August 21, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

DARIN D. SMITH

United States Attorney

By: /s/Jc

/s/ Jasmine M. Peters

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing *Request for Entry of Default Against Brett M. Lattin* was filed and served on August 21, 2025 as follows:

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